

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for managing communications in a packet data service network includes activating a dormant function without determining a protocol standard used by a mobile station. This is accomplished by receiving a message from the mobile station which indicates that the mobile station supports the dormant function. The message may be a service connect complete message, a state response message issued in response to a state request message from a base station controller, or a message specially formed to notify a base station controller of whether the mobile station supports a dormant function. Through the transmission and subsequent processing of this message, call processing in a packet data service network is made faster and more efficient compared with other methods.